

REMARKS

By virtue of this amendment, claims 1-69 and 82-128 are pending, with claims 1, 34, 83, 90, 97, 112, and 120 being independent. Claims 1, 12, 14, 21, 26, 34, 48, 50, 59, and 68 have been amended and claims 11, 13, 45, 37, 49, 70-82 have been cancelled, or were previously cancelled. Claims 83-128 have been added.

Rejections Under 35 USC 112(2)

Claim 76 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112(2) as being indefinite because "the sender identifier" lacks sufficient antecedent basis. Applicant submits that the cancellation of claim 76 obviates this rejection. Accordingly, Applicant requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 USC 102 and 103

Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10, 11, 15, 16, 31, 34, 35, 38-40, 45-47, and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,134,432 (Holmes). Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 11, 34, 35, 38-40, 75-77, and 79-82 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,591,291 (Gabber). Dependent claims 3-4, and 36-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Holmes. Dependent claim 78 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gabber in view of Holmes. Dependent claims 8, 9, and 41-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Holmes in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,212,184 (Venkatachary).

Claims 12-14, 17-30, 32, 33, 48-50, and 53-69 are objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if re-written to contain all the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating the presence of allowable subject matter in these claims.

Independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate dependent claim 13, and intervening claim 11. Claim 34 has been amended to incorporate dependent claim 49 and intervening claim 47. Claims 75-82 have been cancelled.

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Allowable dependent claim 12 has been rewritten into independent form as new independent claim 83. Added claims 84-89 are dependent on claim 83.

Allowable dependent claim 48 has been rewritten into independent form as new independent claim 90. Added claims 91-96 are dependent on claim 90.

Allowable dependent claim 17 has been rewritten into independent form as new independent claim 97. Added claims 98-111 are dependent on claim 97.

Allowable dependent claim 32 has been rewritten into independent form as new independent claim 112. Added claims 113-119 are dependent on claim 112.

Allowable dependent claim 68 has been rewritten into independent form as new independent claim 120. Added claims 121-126

New dependent claim 127 is dependent on amended claim 1. New dependent claim 128 is dependent on new independent claim 83.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance.

The amendment of independent claims 1 and 34, and the cancellation of independent claim 75, should not be construed as any concession by the Applicant with respect to the patentability or interpretation of those claims, or the Examiner's characterization of the cited art, and Applicant reserves the right to pursue those claims in their previous form, as well as others, in one or more continuation applications.


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